DMS booths as STD booths

†462. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the DMS milk booths in Delhi are being misused and these are being used for STD booths and sale of cigarettes;

(b) if so, whether any concrete steps have been taken or proposed to be taken to prevent it; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) No, Sir. DMS has permitted telephone facility on milk booths to boost the sale of milk and milk products. The booth concessionaires are not permitted to sell and prohibited items like cigarette and gutka etc. from the milk booths.

(b) and (c) If any booth concessionaire is found selling any of these prohibited items his concessionaireship is terminated.

Crop loss in Tsunami affected States

463. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the recent Tsunami disaster, the farmers of affected States have lost their entire crops;

(b) if so, the total amount of crops destroyed due to Tsunami in the affected States, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by the Central Government to help the farmers of the affected States who have incurred heavy losses due to the tidal waves?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) In their Memoranda submitted to the Government of India seeking assistance for Tsunami relief measures the affected States and Union Territories (UTs) have indicated that a total crop areas of 23589 hectares have been damaged. The details of the State-

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